

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
June 13, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Dacy Hiede Holmes
Sheryl Knowles Jean Spohn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chris Ndifon Daniel Mendes Annie Morton

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Lafreniere, Parks and Recreation Director
Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager
Debbie Zemke, Arts and Recreation Division Director

GUESTS PRESENT: None

Sheryl Knowles, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

AGENDA CONFIRMATION: The agenda was approved 4/0/0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF May 9, 2012 MINUTES: The minutes from the May meeting were approved - 4/0/0.

BUSINESS:

Presentation on Recreational Fee Policy and Winter Programming

Debbie Zemke reported that the fee policy has been in effect for 3 years now and approved annually by the Director of Parks and Recreation. There had been a historical precedent for the fees to be determined by King County and Highline Community College. The current policy has helped increase revenue and removed inconsistencies. She described how costs are computed based on type of event. Tier 1 is calculated for low-income, basic health and safety and community events. Tier 2 is for all other programs and events and this level does recover some of the direct costs and contributes some to administration and facilities expenses. Tier 3 is for rentals. A question was asked as to preference given to Burien residents. Debbie noted that it is essential to fill classes so they do accept residents of other cities. There is a proposal under consideration to reduce fee for Burien residents. Also, some Burien children are on scholarship. A summer program at Hilltop Elementary that is at the site and free of charge has been added.

Board Action on Playground Standards

After some discussion we agreed to continue the conversation when missing board members are present. This request to require developers putting in playground equipment to follow

ASTM and industry standards would be submitted to the city Manager and the Planning department. The language would be added to the city building code, chapter 19.

Discussion of 2011 Annual Board Report and 2013 Workplan – Next Steps

Steve asked us to prioritize 2013 workplan items to submit for Council direction and we agreed to the following order:

1. Annexation topics: budget, capital improvement, operations and programming
2. Explore feasibility of a dog park in Burien
3. Preliminary site planning for Burien's underdeveloped parks (budget related)
4. PaRCS Department Business Plan
5. Promote and enhance informal recreation opportunities in parks
6. Seahurst Park Shoreline Restoration and Recreation Improvements

Updates on Park Projects

Seahurst Park

The plan has received 100% acceptance and will be ready to bid in August with construction to start in October. First phase would be to relocate utilities of electricity, water and communications. This will involve replacing the creek crossing and rebuilding the fish ladder. The next phase would be to remove about 500 ft of seawall south of the creek, restore the beach and put in the marsh. With the plan above, closure of the entire park may not be required.

Puget Sound Park

Work is almost complete with the project on budget and to ASTM standards. Dedication will be in July.

Moshier Park

This work is scheduled for late June through July. The practice drainage field is being done in cooperation with School district may be pushed back until August because the HSD contractor is working on another project. Baseball and soccer fields will be shut down for a month and a half, while turf renovation is occurring.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None noted.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

1. July Park Tour
2. Health and Wellness Programming for all Ages
3. Candidate locations for dog park or off-leash areas , criteria needed for such a facility, demand in community for such a facility
4. Community Garden topics

5. Science and Ecology Education options- current and opportunities – nature clubs
6. Volunteer Services

There will be no Board meeting in July 11, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Submitted by Jean Spohn, Secretary